

GENERAL NEWS OF INDUSTRIES

Taken as a whole, freight traffic on the railroads is now better than it was this time last year. A large business in west bound shipments is reported, and it is steadily growing. It may be but a temporary spur, but the roads are drawing from it all the encouragement they can.

Superintendent McKeilly, of the Wilkes-Barre and Eastern railroad, reports that traffic in the freight, coal and passenger departments is picking up right along, and the future of the road is exceedingly bright. The increased traffic has made an increase in the force of machinists, car repairmen and blacksmiths in the Central and Valley shops.

The Tonawanda Valley railroad will hereafter be known as the Buffalo, Attica and Arcade railroad. No other road in the state has so many titles as this road. It was built in 1853 and called the Attica and Arcade railroad; then its name was changed to the Attica and Allegany railroad, and later on in 1875 it became the Central and Valley railroad.

It is a peculiar fact, says the Wilkes-Barre Record, that of the five well-known men who for twenty years constituted the able staff that conducted the Lehigh Valley Coal company, four have died from causes traceable either directly or indirectly to their duties as mine superintendents.

In order to facilitate the hoisting of coal, the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre company have made extensive preparations in and about No. 4 colliery in the Hazleton region. Some time ago they placed a powerful rope on the new slope near Pleasant Hill.

The latest reading organization will be officially made public in a few days. A. A. Braden has taken charge as master mechanic of the Lake Shore road at its Cleveland shops.

The title of F. E. Dewey, superintendent of transportation of the New York and New England, has been changed to general superintendent.

The directors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad have declared a quarterly dividend of 2 per cent, which is at the same rate as the June quarter.

Six new tracks between Crow Hollow and St. Clair, on the Philadelphia and Reading system, have been completed and will greatly facilitate the work of handling the coal traffic.

The Lehigh Valley ranks among the most completely equipped roads in the country, and its report every year that they have in use, the volume of merchandise traffic being unusually heavy.

The New York Central has completed its second stretch of track laid with eighty-pound-to-the-yard steel. The company intends to put down a section every year. The cost of the new steel rail laid this year is \$1,250,000.

James W. McAllister, for fifteen years employed as painter at the Lehigh Valley Hazleton shops, has resigned his position and today takes charge of the painting department of the Delaware and Potomac and Shenandoah railroads, with headquarters at Drifton.

The directors of the Lehigh Valley railroad took no action on the October dividend, which means that none will be declared. This is the fifth quarterly dividend that the company has passed since its connections with the Reading were severed in August, 1888.

making the east-bound movement 65,537 cars; westward there were 944 trains, with 815 loaded and 51,314 empty cars, making the west-bound movement 84,844 cars.

E. B. Leisinger, of Upper Lehigh, is critically ill at Homberg, Germany. His family are preparing to go to him. Mr. Leisinger is many times a millionaire and is one of the most extensive coal operators in the anthracite region. He is president of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company, and is vice president of the Central Railroad of New Jersey.

Cruciating a Young Lady. "She would be a pretty girl for but one thing."

George—Her face is always covered with freckles and red blotches.

Charley—Oh, that's easily enough disposed of. Used to be the same way myself, but I caught on to the trouble one day, and got rid of it in no time.

George—What was it?

Charley—Simply blood eruptions. Took a short course of P. P. F. I tell you, it's the only way to cure them.

The volume of business was quite moderate and the fluctuations generally speaking, were confined within very narrow limits.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices. WHEAT: May, 62 1/2; Sept., 61 1/2; Dec., 60 1/2.

New York Produce Market. NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—Flour—More active, easier.

Wheat—Moderately active, easier with options; No. 2 red and elevator, 55 1/2c; do, 58c; f. o. b., 59 1/2c.

Corn—Fairly active; firm; options, 52 1/2c; do, 52c; f. o. b., 53c.

Wool—Quiet, steady; 100 lb., 12 1/2c; 150 lb., 13c; 200 lb., 13 1/2c.

Sheep—Fairly active, firm; city extra, 11 1/2c; do, 11c.

Cattle—Firm, better demand; western, 80c; city, 82c.

Pork—More active, firm; mess, 15.50a16; extra, 16.50a17.

Butter—Market quiet; fancy, steady; state dairy, 14c; do, creamery, 13 1/2c.

Eggs—Quiet, choice, steady; state and Pennsylvania, 18c; western, 17c.

Cheese—Large, more active and firmer; state large, 10c; do, fancy, 10 1/2c.

Mothers! Mothers! Mothers!!! Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.

EARLY FIREMAKING.

SOME CURIOUS METHODS IN USE AMONG VARIOUS PEOPLES.

How Natives of Borneo Produce Fire by the Compression of Air—Igniting Tinder by Sawing and "Flowing"—How the Chemical Match Came to be Invented.

The most curious of all known methods of making fire is practiced by the native tribes of Borneo and Burma. Usually, of course, the instrument which they employ is utilized for the same purpose to-day by the scientific physicist in the laboratory.

A very interesting monograph on the firemaking methods of the world, among which the most curious is published by the Smithsonian Institution.

Next mentioned is the plan of making fire by sawing, which is in common use among the Malays and throughout the East Indies.

So, Brown, you're going to be married at last? "Yes, yes, yes."

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Washburn-Crosby Co. wish to assure their many patrons that they will this year hold to their usual custom of milling STRICTLY OLD WHEAT until the new crop is fully cured.

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